Sale of foodgrains meant for Poor

939. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI BJ. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports captioned, "Grains meant for poor sold for profit", appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 19th June, 2002; if so, the details of the scam;

(b) the details of the *modus-operandioi* the accused in selling away the food meant for distribution among the poor under the Antyodaya Anna Yojna; and

(c) the details of the food sold away in black in the open market and whether any help, involvement of connivance of Government officials was also detected in this racket; if so, the details thereof with action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Jharkhand has reported that the Deputy Commissioner, West Singhbhum has been asked to enquire into the report. Further necessary action would be taken by the State Government on receipt of the enquiry report.

Black-Marketing of foodgrains meant for PDS

940. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey/study/